

REMARKS

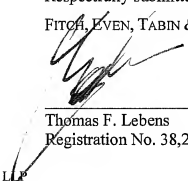
Claims 1-10, 19, 21-22, 24-25, 27-35, and 37-43 remain pending in the application. Claims 17, 18, 20, 23, 26, and 36 have been canceled. New claims 39-43 have been added. The only remaining independent claim, claim 1, has been amended.

Favorable action on the present application in view of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims overcome the rejections based on non-statutory double patenting, 35 USC §102, and 35 USC §103 in the previous Office Action.

Applicant has made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain any outstanding issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Thomas F. Lebens at (805) 781-2865 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,
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